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# Pool scares to spark change

Town conducts investigation

BY JOSH SKAPIN Didsbury Review

The Town of Didsbury is considering a number of changes to the Didsbury Aquatic Centre, following two life-threatening incidents earlier this month.

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Didsbury CAO Roy Brown, and Town Manager of Parks and Recreation Byron Sayer participated in an investigation that resulted in a report, including a number of recommendations that has been submitted to town council and will be reviewed at its meeting July 15.

The first of two incidents involved Nathan Thompson, 7, who was bumped by another swimmer from the confines of the waterslide and left dangling between 10 and 20 feet, before dropping into the arms of local man, Chris Cummings on June 28.

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BRIAN WITTAL Mayor of Didsbury

as it is.

In the second incident, which occurred on June 30, Jesse Fuller of Didsbury nearly drowned while attending a public swim.

One of the possibilities for change is the volume or possible removal of music from the facility, says Mayor Brian Wittal.

"We may just decide to not have music at all, because it's noisy enough as it is," he said.

"I would think that would sort of make sense and I could see that happening."

Another possibility would be the removal of stenciled drawings that are present on the swimming pool floor.

"In the kiddies' pool, it's not bad, because it's only a foot deep," explained Wittal.

"But in the bigger pool, you can get confused as to whether that's someone floating at the bottom or is that a stencil?"

The lifeguard count per shift is also something being reviewed. According to Wittal the standard is one lifeguard per 75 occupants, with the Aquatic Centre presently running at one for 50.

"If we can, we would sure like to increase that to one for every 35, but you have to find the people," said Wittel

"The problem is finding the quality individuals. Lifeguards are very tough to find for every pool right now."

Finally, Wittal says he likes the idea of lifeguards wearing headsets for the purpose of improving communication.

"If they have headsets, they can stay at their end of the pool, and communicate on any situations or issues more safely and still have a full view of the pool at all times."



photo courtesy of Philip Litke

#### LEAD THE WAY -

Rowan McCullough, 3, sits atop her saddlebred horse My Best Day, before riding in the Lead Line Class at the 46th annual Didsbury Horse Show, last weekend.

# Didsbury driver in serious collision

BY JOSH SKAPIN

Didsbury Review

Innisfail Traffic Services is investigating a collision that left one driver in serious but stable condition.

According to police, a Mazda Protégé driven by a lone 23-year-old male from Sherwood Park went off the road left and struck a GMC Sierra in the left rear, which resulted in extensive damage to both vehicles.

A 43-year-old Didsbury male, who was the lone occu-

pant of the Sierra, left without injuries, says RCMP Cst. Norm Therrien.

Upon investigation, police believe the Protégé was travelling northbound in the left lane of Hwy. 2.

The Sierra was in a paved crossover and stopped facing westbound on Township Road 250.

Both north-and-southbound lanes on Hwy. 2 were restricted for approximately three hours.

No further information, including names, have been released by police.









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# Police briefs

BY JOSH SKAPIN

Didsbury RCMP responded to the following complaints between June 26 to July 9.

06-27 - RCMP attended a residence in Didsbury after receiving a complaint of rotting flesh. While the home contained maggots, and a foul odour, a police inves tigation found no foul play, and no trace of a corpse

06-27 - Police investigated a gas and dash at Mac's Esso in Carstairs. Witnesses described an older style green truck pulling away with \$81 worth of fuel. The registered owner of the vehicle was contacted, and explained that the incident was not an intended theft but rather a miscommunication. According to police, the man returned to pay for the gas.

06-28 - RCMP handled a complaint of parked vehicles being sprayed with paint-ball guns in Didsbury. The complainant said other nearby vehicles in the neigh-bourhood had also been hit. No damage as noted to the vehicle in question, and the paint from the incident was cleaned.

06-29 - RCMP responded to a noise bylaw breach on 18th St. in Didsbury. A witness saw teenagers partying and drink-ing in an open field with an open fire. Police learned the gathering was due to a high school graduation celebration. Unconsumed alcohol was dumped on

06-29 - Police responded to a complaint of vandalism on Whispering Pine road in Water Valley. Cabin windows were smashed but nothing is believed to have been taken.

It is believed that an unknown male was entering the cabins in search of food.

06-30 - RCMP responded to a com plaint of disturbing the peace, with a fight in progress on 15th Ave. in Didsbury.

Upon attendance, members saw that the fight had stopped and a baseball bat was

present but not used in an assault.

Neither party opted to press charges against the other.

07-01 - Witnesses told police that youths estimated between the ages of 12 and 14 years old were spotted on the roof at Ross Ford Elementary school watching fireworks involved in the Canada Day celebrations. Patrols from police found that the youths were gone.

07-02 - Police responded to a complaint of public nudity in Carstairs. Witnesses told police that an unknown male was running down 10th Ave. with nothing on, at approximately 9:41 p.m.

07-02 - Police received a complaint of a group of youths hanging around the 8th hole at the Didsbury golf course at approximately 11:30 p.m.

07-03 - RCMP attended what witnes described as a fight in progress, on 16th avenue in Didsbury at approximately 6:30 p.m. Members attended and found multiple males in the area, and police learned the physical altercation involved two males versus one, regarding a domestic situation. No charges were laid.

07-03 - A Carstairs area resident complained to police after receiving harassing phone calls regarding an advertisement in the newspaper for the sale of 600 pairs of underwear. The resident had recently closed a local business and was hoping to sell some of its leftover merchandise. two separate occasions the unknown male called the resident. Upon investigation, police identified the caller. The complainant did not pursue charges but asked that the phone calls stop.

07-03- A young offender was found to be shoplifting at Fas Gas in Didsbury at approximately 8:30 p.m. The subject left with two bags of Doritos, even after staff members asked the subject to pay for the items. The youth was located by RCMP and found to be visibly intoxicated.

07-09 - A male woke up to a fright after sleeping on a couch at his residence in Didsbury, and encountering an unwelcome visitor. According to the homeowner, an unknown male climbed through his residence window, and almost stepped on him while he slept. The startled intruder immediately left the premises. A patrol was made, and the RCMP found the male, who admitted to the altercation. The subject was intoxicated and lodged by police until sober.

07-09 - According to witnes al underaged youths were standing outside a gas station in Didsbury with open liquor, at approximately 7:30 p.m. Police attended the scene, where they disposed of the alcohol and provided warnings to the youths.



# Krebsie's Belgians at the Stampede



Little helper (left): Darwin and Louise's the horses

Along for the ride (below): Darwin Krebs sits with the Calgary Stampede. The Krebs have been competing at the Stampede for about 10 years now





Passing the reins (above): Louise lets her grandson Aaron hold the reins after competing in the ladies cart

A man and his horse (above): Darwin finishes unharnessing one of the horses before it is taken to



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# **Opinion**

# Commentary

# Shelter funding is money well spent

DAN SINGLETON



The Alberta government has announced that it will be providing an extra \$1.7 million to fund 79 more beds in Alberta's women's emergency shelters.

The new funding, which will increase overall shelter capacity by 15 per cent, includes money for six

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President of the Central Alberta Women's

Emergency Shelter Society

JOIE DERY.

15 per cent, includes money for six new beds at the Central Alberta Women's Emergency Shelter.

The funding is both welcome and necessary in a province where domestic violence continues to plague cities and towns alike.

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"Women's shelters do an incredible job of supporting victims of family violence as they rebuild their lives. The funding will help women's shelters provide critical support to victims when they

port to victims when they need it most," said Janis Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services.

The province now funds 617 beds in various women's shelters, providing a place for women and their children to seek safety from dangerous situations. The shelters also provide counselling, outreach services, parenting programs, children's groups and community referrals.

"The announcement to fund additional beds makes wise use of existing

emergency shelter capacity," said Joie Dery, president of the Central Alberta Women's Emergency Shelter Society. "Emergency shelters were struggling to provide full services to women and children in need of their care."

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The Stelmach government should be applauded for its decision to make this new funding available. Women's shelters provide a vital public service and supporting them is money well spent.

At the same time it is important that both the provincial and federal governments should continue to provide adequate levels of funding for policing so that perpetrators of domestic violence can be held accountable. Give the police the resources and they will make perpetrators answer for their crimes.

Last week a landmark agreement aimed at fighting family violence in central Alberta was signed by ten community organizations, including RCMP and the Crown prosecutor's office.

Crown prosecutor's office.

The domestic violence court protocol agreement outlines the roles and responsibilities of each organization, something organizers hope will facilitate better overall communication and information sharing about cases coming before the courts.

"The end goal (of the agreement) is to provide safety and support to the victims and to hold the perpetrators accountable for their actions," said Patrick Dillon, with Child and Family Services.

Child and Family Services.

Other organizations that signed the agreement included CAWES, Central Alberta Women's Outreach, and Alberta Justice.

Like the new shelter funding, this protocol agreement is good news for Alberta.

It is the hope of all stakeholders that domestic violence will one day be just a bad memory. Sadly, that happy day is not yet on the horizon and until it is, the province must continue to make the safety of victims and the targeting of perpetrators high priorities.



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# **Guest Commentary**

# Let's clear the air on carbon taxes

DAVID SUZUKI, WITH FAISAL MOOLA

I admit: we aren't 100 per cent sure that human activity is causing global warming. So let's all go home in our SUVs and join an "axe the tax" campaign. Come to think of it, we aren't sure that our houses will be robbed, flooded or burned to the ground, so let's cancel our home insurance while we're at it.

After all, the vast majority of the world's climate scientists will only admit to being 90 per cent certain that our carbon emissions are causing global warming on such a scale that we face global catastrophe if we fail to change our ways. If nine out of 10 doctors said your child needed an immediate operation, would you wait until all 10 agreed? James Hansen, a leading climate expert who raised the alarm about global warming to the U.S. Congress 20 years ago, says he's 99 per cent sure, but that's still not 100 per cent, so why should we pay more by way of a carbon tax to address a problem that may not exist?

True, a report prepared by M.K. Jaccard and Associates for the David Suzuki Foundation titled Pricing Carbon: Saving Green argued persuasively that a carbon tax is an effective tool for bringing emissions down, and governments, scientists, and economists around the world agree, but what if they're wrong? Never mind that countries such as Sweden, which implemented a carbon tax in 1991, have proven such measures are effective and that they actually produce economic benefits; why should we

change if we don't have to? Rising gas prices due to global market forces are already hitting us hard enough; why should we add to the misery?

Consider this: If the industry shills and their followers are right and global warming is not the threat we think it is, and we act anyway, the oil will still be there for future use and we'll also have cleaner air and greater innovation in green technologies - along with stronger economies. If the majority of the world's climate scientists are right and we fail to act, we face ecological, social and economic catastrophe on a scale beyond anything we've experienced in modern times

we've experienced in modern times.
Consider also that carbon taxes such as British Columbia's and the one the federal Liberals have proposed are actually tax shifts. The money collected from individuals, businesses and industry will be returned in the form of cuts to personal and business taxes. The 2.4 cents a litre increase in gas prices that is one small part of the B.C. tax is minuscule compared to market increases, and the tax may help us move away from continued reliance on increasingly scarce and costly fossil fuels.

Whether it's called a tax shift, a revenue-neutral tax or a new tax, it will get people worked up. No one likes taxes, but we like roads and schools and hospitals and police services, so we pay them. We also pay about \$90 a tonne to put garbage into landfills, so why are we so concerned about having to pay to put garbage into the air?

Politicians have two powerful instruments to influence behaviour:

regulation and taxation. In the mindless mantra of anti-taxation groups, taxes are bad and we should always cut and never increase them. The ludicrous aspect is that these groups are silent about the enormous taxpayer subsidies to fossifuel and related industries that make windfall profits while resisting even a small tax hike.

Together with measures such as a cap-and-trade program, a carbon tax can use money from industries that are not energy-efficient to create economic benefits and incentives for those that that are wiser in their energy use. The income generated by a carbon tax can be used to cut income taxes, build more public transit, upgrade trains, develop renewable-energy sources and retrofit homes and buildings with energy-efficient technology.

For 20 years, scientists have warned of the need for urgent action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Leading economists have shown that the cost to bring emissions down will be about one per cent of GDP annually, while the costs incurred if we don't reduce emissions could be economically catastrophic.

When politicians, business peo-

When politicians, business people and citizens show leadership by proposing or implementing solutions to the very real problems facing the planet (yes, more than 90 per cent certain is as real as it gets in science), they deserve our support, not mockery and politically motivated misinformation. Axe the tax, my ass!

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge and learn more at www.davidsuzuki.org.

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Community Services & FCSS	403-335-8719
Didsbury Landfill	
Memorial Complex & Aquatic Cen	tre403-335-7369
Rosebud Valley Campground	403-335-8578
Chamber of Commerce Office	403-335-3265
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**REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:** 

Tuesday August 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday August 6, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

DIDSBURY LIFELINE SOCIETY:

Monday September 8, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers

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Robert Wigg, Development Office

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#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

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than Friday, July 31, 2008 to:

Town of Didsbury

Attention: Nicole Aasen

Box 790 Didsbury, AB TOM 0W0

Fax: (403) 335-9794 Email: naasen@didsbury.ca

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Aquatic Center for more Information at 403-335-7369

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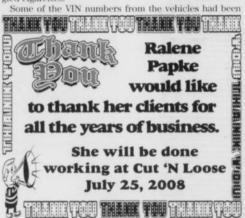
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# Stolen assets seized worth \$150,000

BY MARK LAYCOCK

Didsbury RCMP seized over \$150,000 worth of stolen property and illegal cigarettes from a rural farm nea Dogpound last weekend.

RCMP have since seized a stolen skid loader, motorcy-cle, two quads, F350 pickup truck, box type trailer full of property, a tool box, tools, fuel tank and illegally smuggled cigarettes.



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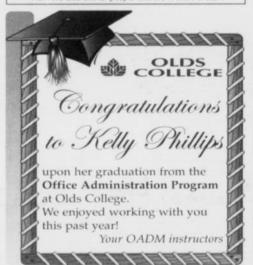
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altered. Police believe all of the stolen property is from

The property came to the attention of RCMP on Friday when Calgary City Police were contacted by a Calgary

business about a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was equipped with a GPS locator, which

as later turned on, providing police with the location of the vehicle.

Throughout the day on Friday, police scouted out the location, observing individuals entering and exiting the

Officers later moved in at 8 p.m. that night.



# In and Around Didsbury

Marge St Clair

#### Wednesday, July 16

The Farmers' Market in the curling rink will be open from 5 to 7 p.m. Tables are rented from Laura at 335-

#### July 18-19-20

Carstairs will be the place to be for Beef & Barley Days when the rodeo starts on Friday night. The pancake breakfast and parade are on Saturday morning and a dedication of the Gazebo in memory of Lois Casebeer will be held at 12:30 p.m. There is a trade show in the curling rink and a Dixieland Band at the Gazebo. There is a roast beef supper at 5 p.m. and a Cabaret at 9 p.m. A great weekend for all ages.

#### Friday, July 18

Cribbage play starts at 7 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. Come and join in the cards, the coffee and goodies served and the visiting.

For the remainder of July and all of August, children aged seven years and up are welcome to come to the curling rink for a variety of games, basketball, volleyball, ball hockey, etc. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays and it's FREE. If you phone 335-7369, you will get more

The Summer Reading Program at the Didsbury Municipal Library is on Tuesday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon or 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday. Phone the library at 335-3142 and ask for Lois Ufland, the Program Coordinator.

Is basketball your game? If so, you can join the Summer Hoops Program on Monday evenings at the complex, male and female players 15 years and up. There is a charge, all the info by phoning 335-7369. There is also a program for Juniors.

### Saturday, July 19

Men's Two Ball Open at the Didsbury Golf Course. Phone 335-3635 to enter or sign in while you're there.

#### Monday, July 28

This is the day of the Blood Donor Clinic from 2 to 7 p.m. in the M.P. Room at the Didsbury Complex. To make an appointment, please phone 1-888-236-6283 (toll free) walk ins are always welcome. The Didsbury O.O. R.P. ladies will welcome one and all.

## Tuesday, July 29

Friends and families of people with Alzheimer's or other dementias are welcome to attend the support meeting at Aspen Ridge Lodge from 7 to 9 p.m. Sharon or Dolina at 335-7285 can give you more info.

#### Wednesday, July 30

The Community Bus will leave the complex today on a casino trip to Calgary. Phone Bea at 335-3058 to serve your seat and all info about times, etc.

Your company this summer will enjoy a visit to the museum on Tuesday or Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Saturday 1 to 4 p.m. Special tours can be arranged by calling Joan at 335-6444.

The Olds Legion will welcome you every Monday night to play cribbage at 7 p.m., every Wednesday night to play bingo, doors open 6:15 p.m., every Thursday night to play bridge at 7 p.m.

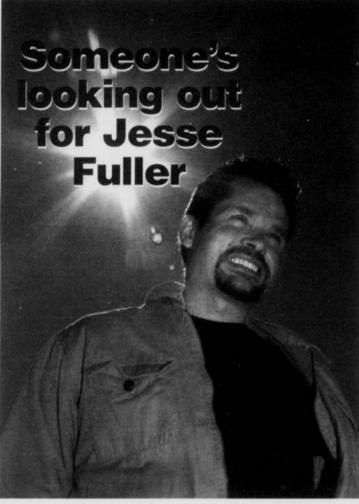
On Friday nights, an open mic night, singles or duets. Meat draws and horse races are on Friday and aturday nights from 5 p.m. Phone the Legion 556-6406 for more details

The Mr. and Mrs. and the Him/Her Golf Tournament as held on the weekend and taking the laurels were: Mr. & Mrs. – 1. Dave and Donna Fife, 2. Greg and

Rhonda Hunter Him/Her - 1. Dave Blazenko and Audrey Campbell,

2. Ric Durocher and Shelley Miller

All enjoyed a great meal and camaraderie. The Heart and Stroke Foundation Funds grew to over \$6,000 when the riders took the "big bike tour" from the hospital parking lot, down main street from AG Foods to Hi Ho Gas and many side streets and avenues through town. Congrats to all the riders.



SURVIVOR - Jesse Fuller is a survivor, he recently recovered from a near-drowning at Didsbury Centre and has survived a tragic car accident at the age of four

#### BY JOSH SKAPIN Didsbury Review

It's seldom that a person experiences their vital signs reduced to almost nothing and lives to talk about it.

With almost three decades spacing the incidents, Jesse Fuller has done that twice.

It's a warm Friday morning, and Jes breaks from resting to meet in the living room at his Didsbury home to discuss his unusual life.

His parents were both passionate members of the hippie movement in the 1970s, and noted for their unique talents and community involvement

For the young Fullers who lived on Canada's east coast, Jesse explains travel-ling together became a family ritual.

His memories of the incident are under-standably vague, but the Fuller's last vacation together was when he was four years

The foursome were on their way back to Nova Scotia, after exploring Colorado, when a reckless decision altered Jesse's life forever

"This guy got into a fight with his girl-friend," Jesse says.

iend," Jesse says. "He stole a tow truck, and didn't look

where he was going when he pulled out of

The angered man in the tow truck broad-sided the Fullers, killing Jesse's parents and sister.

Jesse slipped into a coma, that he drifted and out for five months, including his fifth birthday.

"My vital signs were nothing, my blood pressure was down to less than 10 per cent of what it should have been."

If he was successful in surviving, doctors believed he'd be spending the rest of his

days in a wheelchair.
"They thought when I left the hospital,

that was as good as I was going to get."

But with the aid of his godparents, who eventually adopted him, for about five months following his release, Jesse learned to eat and walk again.

"They were very determined - the wheel-chair stayed in the car when we got home...by the time I went back for a checkup, I was walking around on my own.

and doctors were absolutely astounded."

Jesse says, he thinks there may be a different mental approach for adults who recuperate from physical trauma compared to when children do.

See Jesse on page 8



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"I see with my son right now, he's so eager to learn everything. Maybe we as adults, we're not as eager to learn everything. We're just content to stay where we are.

Jesse

We're more likely to believe our diagnosis when we're adults, as kids we don't know the difference.

lingering only The effects from the incident that took his parents and ister, are scars, eye trou bles, and most seriously, severe memory deficit.

"It's the kind where you're told something, and if you don't write it down, nine times out of 10 you'll forget it," he

"It's frustrating."

The local man's most survival came the Didsbury Memorial Complex two weeks ago.

He was at the swimming pool with his son, and decided to use one of the swing-ropes to launch himself into the pool.

He swung back and forth to get his momentum, hoping to give himself enough of a push to reach the point in the water where he could touch the bottom.

He let go sooner than he normally would, think ing he could catch his ath on the way down

"But you fall pretty fast, and as I was halfway though my breath, I went under the water and started to breathe it in."

inhaled water

instantly, forcing him to sink quickly.

I remember struggling a bit, but I was like a rock still sinking. It didn't mat-ter what I did with my hands or my feet.

"I couldn't see anything around me or hear any

As water continued to flood Jesse's lungs, he wondered if this was his time

"There where I thought, 'this might be it,' so I said a prayer for my family...I didn't know if I was going to be back or not."

Good Samaritans and lifeguards played a part in retrieving Jesse's body from the bottom.

His next memory came while stretched out on the pool deck.

was water and kind of delirious," he remembered.

Jesse says, he tried to fight off paramedics and get back into the water.

"I didn't know a whole of time had passed, and thought my son was still in there," he pauses. "But I probably was dele-rious at the time – because who would jump back in the pool while they were still throwing up water?"

Jesse was rushed to the Didsbury Hospital, before then bolting to a Calgary hospital via ambulance. His condition, including

case of white lung, was daunting.

But once again, Jesse displayed the ability to shove rationale expectations aside

"They told me when I

left, I was the first person that they ever had walk out of the Intensive Care Unit." In addition to others involved in his rescue, sse is quick to credit his son. Christian for his

"He was the one who called for help," he said.
"He saw me at the bottom of the pool, and thought I was dead. To see me a

"I remember

struggling a bit,

but I was like a

rock still sinking.

It didn't matter

what I did with

my hands or my

feet."

couple of days later and

know that dad's still here, is a huge thing."

child, his most significant step to finding his faith

was when he encountered new friends during his

"I had that emotion that

was very excited when I

first got to know Christ

first year of college.

a lot of Christians get

Christian camps as

While Jesse attended

- JESSE FULLER

and went through the Testament month. I wanted to know. If this was how I was going to live my life, I should at least know how Jesus lived His.

However, since the collision. Jesse had been consistently reminded by Christians and non-Christians, you must be here for a reason."

Jesse thought about

"These are things where you look back and realize that it's a turning pointing your life. You know, that was something definite that I know God had to be involved in. No matter how much people love you or want you back, I don't think people have very much say in that, When our time comes, our time comes. allowed to go through struggles like this. Sometimes it's to teach us something. other and times it's to teach the people around us something.

Jesse, who has since told his story in church, is enthusiastic to talk about what he's come back from.

"I think it's something important. Not that I'm anything special, I just hope people can grab from something story

But Jesse's story continues, with his third chance

And as he looks back on what he's been through, Jesse can't help but be grateful for what he has.

"I get to raise my children, and that's every

## Correction

The ad that appeared in the Didsbury Review on July 8,, 2008 for AG Foods - for garlic bread 3 for \$3.33 was incorrect and should have read Bread - 3 for \$3.33.

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The Didsbury Aqua-Jets and Calgary Swordfish Summer Swimming Clubs held their joint swim meet on Saturday June 14 at the Didsbury Aquatic Centre. attendance were approximately 230 swimmers and their families from across our region. 22 of our 32 swimmers participated in 72 individual swims and 6 team relays throughout the day. We had an excellent howing with 5 first place, 7 second place and 3 third place finishes.

This year our club has instituted a reward program whereby swimmers from our club receive a medal for obtaining at least 2 best times on previous swims – not a small feat as every second counts. 3 swimmers received this medal at our home meet. This year the nedals were donated by 4 E's Oilfield Services Inc. and Medallion Trophies donated the engraving.

Our swimmers will have 5 more meets in surrounding communities at which to hone their skills for the Regional meet (Provincial qualifier) held in Calgary on August 2 & 3. Provincials are being held in Edmonton on August 16 & 17.

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#### STIGINGS

stigings of Didsbury passed away July 5, 2008 at the age of 46 years after a lengthy illness. She is survived by her companion Ruf May of Didsbury, brother Dwayne (Judy) Stigings of Innisfail, sister Pat Olmstead of Calgary and bother Bruce (Nota)

sister Pat Olmstead of Calgary and brother Bruce (Nola) Stigings of Innisfail. Janice is also survived by six nieces and nephews and their families; Terry (Tanya) and their children Taylor, Kaylee and Logan of Innisfail; Randy (Lorrissa) and their children Bailey of Carlyle, SK. and Shyanna Stigings of Red Deer; Gavin Stigings of Edmonton, Andrea Potter of Vancouver, B.C., Jason Olmstead and his son Damien Olmstead of Calgary and Corey Olmstead of Calgary. Calgary and Corey Olmstead of Calgary. A memorial service was held on Friday, July 11, 2008 at 1:30pm from the Carstairs Community Hall. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Olds Hospital, Bed Replacement Fund. Condolences to the family may be forwarded from www.mem.com. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Didsbury. Phone 335-4773. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.



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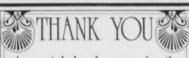
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